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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3618

Application No.: 10/584,134

Examiner: H. PHAN

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Docket No.: 128358

For: HYBRID SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the November 16, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 7-17 are pending in this application.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7-17.

The Office Action rejects claims 7-17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner that claims 7, 12 and 17 contain unclear language. The essential inquiry pertaining to clarity under MPEP - 2173.02 is whether the claims set out and circumscribe a particular subject matter with a reasonable degree of clarity and particularity. The inquiry must not be made in a vacuum, but in light of three factors, one of which is the content of the particular application disclosure. Applicant argues that Fig. 3, page 3, line 15 to page 3, line 21 and page 6, line 29 to page 8, line 14, for example, of Applicant's specification provide sufficient content to clarify the terms of claims 7, 12 and 17.